



**Waltham Conservation Commission
October 5, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting took place via public Zoom call with participation information posted at City Hall, Government Center, and on the Commission's page of the city web site. Zoom information was circulated directly to all applicants and others on the public agenda.

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM.

Attendees: Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Bradley Baker, Louis Andrews, Alexander Sbordone.

Absent: Philip Moser, Michael Donovan.

Mr. Doyle acted as Chair.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0820) (Continued from 8/24/2023)

Applicant: John Colbert—MWRA

Property Location: Linden Street ROW; Waverley Oaks Road ROW. Project is entirely in roadway between approximately 182 Linden Street and 225 Waverley Oaks Road.

Project Description: Rehabilitation of existing water main (Weston Aqueduct Supply Main – WASM3).

Applicant has requested that this project be continued to the commission's 11/2/2023 meeting. The applicant is aware that they will be expected to re-advertise the public notice for this application if it is continued beyond 12/7/2023.

Motion to continue by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0821) (Continued from 9/21/2023)

Applicant: City of Waltham Engineering Department

Property Location: 185 Lyman Street (Lyman Pond weir in Chester Brook)

Project Description: The intent of this project is to modify and improve the weir structure located within Chester Brook.

Bob Winn, City Engineer, and John Martino, Asst. City Engineer, present. Mr. Winn reminded the commission that approval of this project had been suspended while waiting for comments from the Army Corps of Engineers, as requested by MA DEP. Army Corps has responded with no concerns. Nothing in the planned work has changed. Mr. Doyle refreshed the commission's memory on the project. Mr. Daly presented special conditions developed by the commission in July for this project, which the commission reviewed. Changes primarily involve modifications for moving the project from land to water. Two site-specific conditions have been added concerning the stability of the weir and aligning any flood control measures with MA Division of Marine Fisheries standard time-of-year

restrictions. The applicant and commission have previously agreed to these conditions and had no additional concerns. Mr. Dufromont asked if plans have changed regarding the size of the opening to be cut in the weir; Mr. Winn confirmed that nothing has changed since the previous hearing. Mr. Dufromont moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Baker moved to issue an order of conditions, to include the reviewed special conditions. Mr. Andrews seconded. All present in favor. **Motion passed.** Mr. Doyle added that the commission supports this project and that structure removals like this are the best things that can be done for streams.

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0733)

Applicant: David White, PE, for Hobbs Brook Real Estate LLC

Property Location: 225 Wyman Street

Ms. Sullivan reported that due to the need to resolve a few minor issues raised by her and Cambridge Water Department, the applicant has asked to continue. She visited the site earlier this week; she noted that some erosion controls are still in place. Jamie O'Connell from CWD noted an area that has not been stabilized. Mr. Doyle suggested that discussion should be limited in light of the request to continue.

Mr. Dufromont moved to continue, seconded by Mr. Baker. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 9-7-2023 and 9-21-2023 meetings. Mr. Sbordone moved to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Dufromont seconded. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- Boston Gas/National Grid notification of upcoming exempt maintenance work on the Farwell Street bridge noted.

Site Visit Reports

- Ms. Sullivan announced that there is a site visit scheduled for Brandeis/Hassenfeld parking lot 10/6 at noon if anyone wants to attend. Mr. Baker has been following the work and they appear to have, for a third time, torn up the area of interest and replaced with stone. He will be unable to attend this visit.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Next meeting scheduled for October 17, 2023.

New Business

- Mr. Dufromont asked for information on the upcoming 1265 Main Street NOI, as there has been some confusion on the public hearing date. Mr. Daly clarified that the applicant delayed the appearance date before the official notice appeared in the paper, but it had already circulated online with an incorrect date. This is expected to be on the 10/19 agenda. The public notice will appear with the corrected date next week, and online postings will be corrected. There has been higher than normal public interest. Mr. Dufromont asked if the city's Traffic Department is aware of this filing. Mr. Daly will make sure that they are.
- Mr. Daly asked the commission to vote to authorize issuing an affidavit to verify an old COC (from 2008 for 316-0556). This is the approved DEP process when an applicant has lost a COC before

filing it with the registry of deeds. The work was at 40 Sylvan Road / 35 Gatehouse Drive. Motion to sign by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Sbordone. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.